

This is the final NCLB Update for FY05. Here is an end-of-the- year checklist:

	1. SAIS data- all student participation data should be entered by June 30, 2005. (EXCEPTION: Free/reduced lunch eligibility data for 05 was due April 1 <sup>st</sup> ; only schools with Provision 2 or 3 NSL Programs are exempt)
	2. NEW – Complete Title I School Status Report <b>by June 30</b> . The report is available through the Common Logon. The Title I status of <b>all</b> schools is required for NCLB accountability.
	3. NEW – Completion reports for Title I-A and II-A will contain a data section after the budget pages. Complete directions will be available in the Completion Report Downloads in the Grants Home page – <a href="http://www.ade.az.gov/gme">www.ade.az.gov/gme</a>
	4. Enter program contacts in the LEA Core Data application in the Common Logon. See item 1 below.

Please review the following information regarding:

- LEA Core Data Contact Updating
- FY06 Allocations
- FY06 Application Changes
- Training calendar
- Audits by the OIG
- Teacher Loan Cancellation

**1. LEA Core Data Contact Updating** - Due to increasing printing and postage costs, all FY06 NCLB Updates will be distributed by e-mail and posted on the NCLB web page; *they will no longer be sent by mail*. E-mail addresses will be based on the entries of program contacts in the LEA Core Data Application accessed through the Common Logon. NCLB Coordinators who enter their contact information will receive direct e-mail copies of information that has been previously sent only to superintendents or charter administrators. It is the responsibility of the LEA to maintain the correct contact information. LEA Superintendents/Charter Administrators have default access to the LEA Core Data. They may choose to allow additional personnel at the LEA access to enter the information.

Occasionally, the ADE receives a message that an e-mail has been rejected by the LEA's system. Please ensure your filters permit e-mail from the ADE.

**2. FY06 Allocations** – Preliminary Title I-A, Title II-A and Title V-A allocations will be posted on the ADE web site by June 10<sup>th</sup>. Click on the *No Child Left Behind* link and look under Operations on the right side. Please be aware that these allocations may change and are based only on estimates at this time. FINAL allocation notices will be sent as soon as the ED provides us the Final grant award amounts for Arizona, which we anticipate receiving no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>. As these are individual grant award notices, they will be mailed along with the process to access the NCLB Consolidated Fiscal Application, tentatively scheduled to be opened July 1.

**3. NCLB Fiscal Application Changes for FY06** - Note the following changes to the NCLB Application:

- The Title II-D Enhancing Education through Technology Grants and the Title IV-A Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities and State Chemical Abuse Prevention Grants, including the Title IV Supplemental Section, will be separated from the NCLB Consolidated Application.
- New Supplementary Application data for Title I-A and Title II-A will be included in the FY06 NCLB Application and those program completion reports.
- In order to improve our monitoring of program expenses, more detailed explanations will be required in the Budget Description Section of your application, including identifying Targeted Assistance and Schoolwide expenses, identifying budget items that meet set-aside requirements and alignment of expenses to programs and goals of the LEA Plan.
- An NCLB Document Library will be posted on the ADE web with a variety of resource documents that can be used to complete your application.
- An NCLB Budget Planning Tool (in Excel) will be made available as a sample template for use in developing your NCLB Application. The ADE does not prescribe specific methods of maintaining the supporting documents for your NCLB projects, but we are offering this file as an example of some of the basic information required.

**4. Training Calendar** - The Academic Achievement Division will be offering both NCLB Application and Monitoring Training during July and August. The focus of our programmatic training will be on Schoolwide Planning. All schools that have SW programs or are planning to initiate a SW program will be required to attend the SW sessions. NCLB coordinators, county offices and other trainers will be able to offer the training once they have attended a session and received the materials. It is our intention that all current SW schools meet this requirement. Specific dates will be available in July. Academic Achievement staff will be assisting with school improvement training for those affected schools after the September release of AYP.

Numerous other professional development opportunities will be offered in this upcoming year. Continue to check the Calendar of Events for subjects, dates and locations. The year's Mega Conference will be held November 15-17 at the Carefree Conference Resort.

**5. OIG Audits** - The Office of Inspector General conducts focused audits of the use of federal funds and has identified areas of interest for the coming year. These include schoolwide programs, Title I Comparability and Subrecipient monitoring. Additionally, the ADE has identified parent involvement and private school consultation as two areas requiring additional diligence by LEA. If you have questions about any of these areas of special focus please contact your assigned specialist to review your compliance in these key areas.

**6. Teacher Loan Cancellation Changes** - Did you know that your full-time teachers may be eligible for up to \$17,500 in federal student loan forgiveness for teaching five consecutive years in a designated "low-income" school? In addition to the \$5,000 loan forgiveness program, President George W. Bush added the \$17,500 loan forgiveness program for new borrowers (loans taken out between 10/1/1998 and 10/1/2005) who are highly-qualified and teaching secondary math, science, or special education. For complete details, please review the "Cancellation/Deferment Options for Teachers" on the following US Dept of Education/Federal Student Aid website:

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/teachercancel.jsp?tab=repaying>

To see if any of your schools are listed, select a school year from the website and it will list all the eligible low-income schools starting with 1997-1998. An eligible school must be located within a Title I school attendance area \*and\* have a demonstrated poverty level of 30% or higher. Teachers in non-profit, private schools are also eligible if the same criteria are met and if private school data was reported to ADE by the geographic school district.

ADE recently updated the list of eligible schools for 2004-2005 based on prior year SAIS and the consolidated state performance report data submitted by school districts and charter holders. ADE helps administer this program by verifying the list of eligible schools each year. If your school is not listed and you believe it meets the criteria, please contact Ms. Janet Chen at (602) 542-7466 or [jchen@ade.az.gov](mailto:jchen@ade.az.gov). ADE does not decide the terms of the federal loan forgiveness program.

All other questions regarding individual eligibility for the program and general questions should be directed to the Federal Student Aid office at 800-433-3243. Teachers need to contact their lender (e.g. university financial aid office) for the necessary forms.